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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/629,232

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/30/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 11-15, 17-21.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-7-6,11-15,17-21 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the allowability resides in the overall structure of the device as recited by independent claims 1 & 12, and at least in part, because claim 1 recites: "the retention module defining two positioning holes at symmetrically opposite sides of a center thereof, two pins positioned in the positioning holes and welded to the printed circuit board," and claim 12 recites: "two pins extending from the retention module to the printed circuit board and welded to the printed circuit board." The aforementioned limitations in combination with all the remaining limitations of claims 1 & 12, are believed to render the claims 1 & 12, and all claims dependent therefrom, patentable over the art of record.

US 6639800 B1 to Eyman et al. is considered a close reference to the instant application. Eyman et al. disclosed a printed circuit board (204), positioning holes (e.g. holes near area around (31A,31B), a retention module (30) and screws (90), but is silent as to two pins positioned in the positioning holes and welded to the printed circuit board (204).

US 6741470 B2 to Isenburg is considered a close reference to the instant application. Isenburg disclosed a printed circuit board (102), positioning holes (115), and a retention module (108), and portions of pins (105) being welded (col. 8, lines 1-5 of Eyman et al.), but is silent as the two pins (105) positioned in the positioning holes (115) and welded to the printed circuit board (102).

Note: US 6549412 to Ma has the same assignee as the instant application.

US 6549412 B1 to Ma is considered the closest reference to the instant application. Ma disclosed a printed circuit board (20), a retention module (10), and positioning holes (14), and pins (32). Although, Ma teaches pins (32) affixed to the printed circuit board (20), a rejection under statute U.S.C. 103 is not permitted, as this reference has the same assignee as the instant application.

The Examiner has cited the following pertinent references: US 5734556, US 6209623 B1, US 5384940, US 6809929 B2, US 5870286, & US 6778396 B2 disclosed heat sink mounting assemblies.

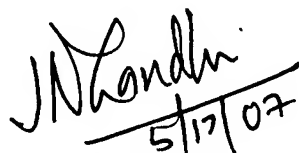
None of the cited reference, either alone or in combination, is believed to render the present invention unpatentable as claimed.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ingrid Wright whose telephone number is (571)272-8392. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jayprakash Gandhi can be reached on (571)272-2800, ext 35. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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